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WASHINGTON, October 25, 1984 -- Deliveries of new freight cars in September totaled 1,465, compared with 1,300 in August and 460 in September 1983, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

The September figures brought the total for the first nine months of the year to 9,080 cars, compared with 3,776 through the same period a year earlier.

Orders in September totaled 775, compared with 785 in August and 416 in September 1983. Through nine months of this year, orders totaled 12,606, compared with 4,266 at the same time in 1983.

As of October 1, the backlog of cars on order and undelivered totaled 5,616, compared with 6,306 on September 1, and 3,756 on October 1, 1983. Average monthly backlog so far this year is 6,400, compared with 4,187 a year ago.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 22 locomotives were placed in service in September, compared with 59 in August and 37 in September 1983. So far this year, 365 locomotives have been put into service, compared with 195 at the same time last year.

As of October 1, the backlog of locomotives on order but undelivered was 207, compared with 225 on September 1 and 158 on October 1, 1983.

Taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives on October 1 was 24,652, compared with 24,786 on September 1, and 25,913 on October 1 of last year.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	September		August	Nine Months	
	1984	1983	1984	1984	1983
Built New by Car Builders	1,465	458	1,300	9,080	3,474
Built New in R.R. Shops	0	2	0	0	202
Built New - Total	1,465	460	1,300	9,080	3,676
Rebuilt	0	0	0	0	100
TOTAL DELIVERED	1,465	460	1,300	9,080	3,776
Locomotives	22	37	59	365	195

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	775	416	785	12,356	4,164
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	250	2
To be built New - Total	775	416	785	12,606	4,166
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	0	100
TOTAL ORDERED	775	416	785	12,606	4,266

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	October 1		September 1	Average	
	1984	1983	1984	1984	1983
To be built New by Car Builders	5,366	3,756	6,056	6,289	4,126
To be built New in R.R. Shops	250	0	250	111	31
To be built New - Total	5,616	3,756	6,306	6,400	4,157
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	0	30
TOTAL ON ORDER	5,616	3,756	6,306	6,400	4,187
Locomotives	207	158	225	170	120

Orders, Deliveries and Backlog Include Estimates for Tank Cars

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